

## NIMS Update

### Updated IS-100 and IS-200 Classroom-Delivered Final Exams Now Available

The Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Independent Study Program has recently updated the exams for IS-100, Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100; IS-100.LE, Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100, for Law Enforcement; IS-100.PW, Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100, for Public Works Personnel; and IS-200, Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200.

To obtain a copy of the IS-100, IS-100.PW, IS-100.LE or IS-200 final exam questions for group training, call the Independent Study Office at 301-447-1200 during normal business hours. When using this version of the final exam, students must place their answers on OpScan answer sheet

forms and mail the forms to the IS Office for scoring. To request OpScan answer sheets, please use the following link: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/ansreq.asp>

Please begin using this new exam as soon as possible. EMI will continue to accept the OpScan answer sheets for the prior exam version, if you have already copied those materials for delivery of your group training. OpScan answer sheets for the prior exam version will no longer be accepted after January 31, 2008.

**PLEASE NOTE:** EMI encourages you to always check their website at <http://training.fema.gov> for the most up-to-date information on courses and course content prior to delivering your training.

**Questions:** Please contact the course manager, Tom Marlowe at [Tom.Marlowe@dhs.gov](mailto:Tom.Marlowe@dhs.gov) or the IS Office at [Independent.Study@dhs.gov](mailto:Independent.Study@dhs.gov).

## Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan

The Franklin County CEPAC submitted their updated Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan to the SERC for formal review prior to the October 17, 2007, deadline.

The SERC Plan Review Team reviewed the plan in accordance with State and Federal requirements, and recommends that the State

Emergency Response Commission (SERC), by issuance of an Order, **Concur with the Plan.**

The SERC will review this material, as it will be presented for final vote at the next SERC meeting. CEPAC representatives have been advised of this recommendation and have been invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

## Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant 2008

The deadline for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for 2008 is fast approaching! If your jurisdiction plans to apply for this funding the deadline for projects to be submitted to OEMA is **January 14th, 2008.**

You should have received an email from us detail-

ing the specifics of the grant, however if you did not receive notification please contact us as soon as possible. You can also contact Jamie Stout via phone, (614) 794-0213 or email at [jlstout@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:jlstout@franklincountyohio.gov) for more information and with any questions.

# Weather Related Dates in 2008

**March 23-29 — Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week**  
**Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 26th, 9:50 a.m.**

March 17-21 — National Flood Safety Week  
 June 23-27 — National Lightning Safety Week  
 September is National Preparedness Month  
 November 16-22 — Ohio Winter Safety Awareness Week

## 146 Sirens Are In Service



The public is reminded there are other ways to protect themselves in severe weather conditions, such as having weather alert radios in their homes and places of business and monitoring local radio and television stations.



The FCEM&HS Office is closed Monday, January 21, 2008 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

### Upcoming Meetings

January 8	9 AM	Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 8	1:30 PM	800 MHz Service Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 9	10 AM	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 9	1:30 PM	800 MHz Advisory Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 9	7 PM	Volunteer Coordinating Council	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 15	3 PM	CEPAC Executive Committee	Commissioners, 26th Floor
January 16	9 AM	FCEM&HS Executive Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 17	9 AM	Tech Ops & Training Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 30	9 AM	9-1-1 Managers	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
January 30	1:30 PM	FCEM&HS Advisory Council	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 5	10 AM	Franklin County Police Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 6	10 AM	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

### Upcoming Training

February 20-21	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 27-28	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 400	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 15	9 AM-12 Noon	Weather Spotter Training	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 20	9 AM-4 PM	Senior Officials Workshop	Columbus Police Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave.
March 29-30	8 AM-5 PM	CERT Instructor Training	TBD

**Jim Leonard, Interim Director**

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**Jamie Stout, Planning**

**Art Baker, Warning/EOC**  
**Pam Tickle, Training/Grants**

**Susan Johnson, Administrative Assistant**

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[www.fccert.org](http://www.fccert.org)



Are you prepared?



## Community Emergency Response Team classes start in Worthington on January 23rd!

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT teams work with local emergency services and are trained to give critical aid to their families, neighbors, and the community when these services are overwhelmed, such as a large-scale natural or man-made disaster. CERT members also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

### January-February 2008 CERT class schedule

Attendees must RSVP by January 19th.

Wednesday	1/23	Unit #1 Intro to CERT
Monday	1/28	Units #6 and #7 Organization and Psychology
Wednesday	1/30	Unit #5 Search and Rescue
Monday	2/4	Unit #2 Fire Safety
Wednesday	2/6	Unit #3 Medical, Part I
Monday	2/11	Unit #4 Medical, Part II
Wednesday	2/13	Unit #8 Terrorism/WMD
Saturday	2/23	Unit #9 Final Exercise

Unit #1-#8 Class times **6:00pm-8:45pm** Worthington Fire & EMS  
Unit#9 Final Exercise Time **9:30am to Noon** Location TBD

Location for all classes except Unit#9: **Worthington Fire Station  
6500 N High St  
Worthington, OH 43085**

Register for the course on line at [www.fccert.org](http://www.fccert.org), leave voice mail at 614-448-1481, or email Karen Klinko at [klynnko@earthlink.net](mailto:klynnko@earthlink.net). Register before January 19th.

Students must attend the first class (CERT unit #1) to officially enroll in the program, but after that, they are free to take the remaining CERT classes according to their own schedule. Students are therefore able to take the complete course over one month, or several, and are of course welcome to re-take any classes they desire without prior notice. However, students must complete all seven classes (CERT units 1-8) before graduating at a Final Exercise (CERT unit #9).

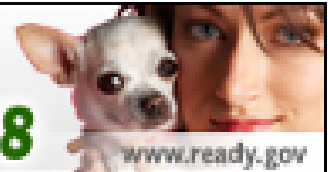
**Franklin County CERT**  
614-448-1481 or [www.fccert.org](http://www.fccert.org) for more information.

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THE PUBLIC &  
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Ready 



Resolve to be **READY**  
Prepare For Emergencies  
Before They Happen. **in 2008**



FCEM&HS is encouraging you to visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY to learn how to prepare your families, homes and businesses for all types of emergencies including natural and human-caused disasters. Free materials, including family emergency plan templates and sample business continuity plans, are available through these resources. These materials will provide you with tools to make a New Year's resolution that will bring you and your loved ones peace of mind. If you wish to take a more active role in your community's preparedness, get involved by joining a Citizen Corps Council near you. Citizen Corps brings community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members and non-governmental resources in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. Visit [citizencorps.gov](http://citizencorps.gov) for more information.

Wishing you a happy and safe New Year — and remember —  
**Don't wait. Set a date. Resolve to be Ready in 2008!**

  
Ready Kids



- 1 Get a Kit
- 2 Make a Plan
- 3 Be Informed

Resolve to be Ready in the New Year. Learn how your family can prepare for emergencies before they happen. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and click on Ready Kids for interactive games and materials you can share with your children about the importance of emergency preparedness. Or, call 1-800-BE-READY for free materials.



  
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Ready Business

- 1 Plan To Stay In Business.
- 2 Talk To Your Employees.
- 3 Protect Your Investment.

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